

REMARKS

This amendment is a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 8, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed June 1, 2006. In this Office Action, the Examiner has noted, in part, that claims 17-24 are allowed. In view of the amendments above, no other parts of the present Office Action need to be addressed for a complete response thereto.

By this response, all claims except the allowed claims have been cancelled without prejudice. No further amendments have been made in this application. In view of the amendments presented above, it is submitted that only allowed subject matter is pending in the present application.

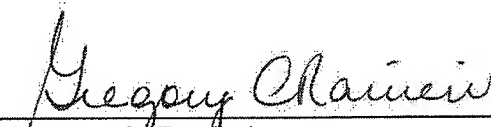
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Assignee submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Gregory C. Ranieri, Esq. at (503) 439-6500 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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